

METTA WORLD PEACE HOSTS COMEDY SLAM DUNK
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Dozens of fans and supporters gathered at the Laugh Factory in Hollywood on Thursday, Sep 20, 2012, to attend Metta World Peace's comedy fundraiser for his nonprofit organization, Xcel University. The event started off with Metta warming up the crowd. It featured comedians Alex Scott, Jim Tavare, Red Grant (co-host) Tom Arnold, Dan Ahdoot, Malik S., Greg Fitzsimmons, Dom Irrera and Chris D'Elia.

During intermission, Metta and psychologist Dr. Alyssa Solomon took a moment to acknowledge all supporters, gave an in-depth overview about his charity, and shed light on mental health awareness. Xcel University aims to help underprivileged and at-risk youth to achieve their education goals with scholarships and other incentives.

In addition to the acts, approximately \$1,500, directly benefiting Xcel University, was raised through the live auction of items signed by Metta. Items included a framed poster, Ron Artest Lakers jersey, two pieces of original artwork, and even the shirt off his back!

